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Public Opinion Solicited On Naming of Stream in Missoula County

(HELENA) --- The Montana State Library is soliciting public opinion on the assignment of the name "Grizzly Creek" to an un-named stream in Missoula County. The stream in question flows into Finley Creek about three miles northeast of Evaro, as shown on the map at http://msl.mt.gov/geonames/maps/40601_Grizzly_Creek.pdf.

The name is proposed by Brian and Theresa Naugle of Evaro, who say Grizzly Creek would be an appropriate name for the stream because it flows along Grizzly Mountain Road. The road was named because of the presence of a grizzly bear in the area – there is no Grizzly Mountain nearby. There are eight streams named Grizzly Creek in Montana, including one that is in Lake County approximately 15 miles northwest of the proposed stream.

The request to name the stream was received by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN), which determines what names the federal government recognizes for natural features of the landscape. The BGN assigns an individual in each state as that state's Geographic Names Advisor, whose duties include soliciting opinions from state and local officials, as well as state agencies, on name recommendations. Montana's Geographic Names Advisor is Gerald Daumiller, a GIS programmer and analyst with the Montana State Library.

The public is invited to submit their comments or opinions on the proposed name to Gerald Daumiller by calling (406) 444-5358 or by emailing gdaumiller@mt.gov before September 19, 2011. More information about this proposal is available at <http://msl.mt.gov/geonames>.

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